

The state's \$11.7 billion budget is divided up to fund numerous public services, agencies and programs. However, public and higher education institutions combined continue to take more than one-half of the total revenues, totaling 57.3 percent of the total budget.

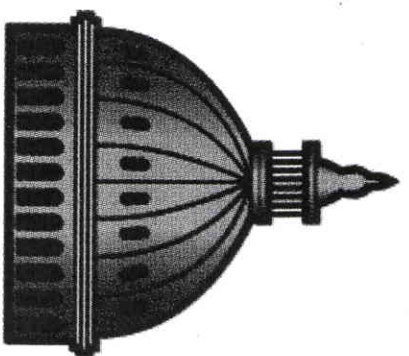
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In taking the new job as Utah House Minority Leader, Brad King will be in the center a lot of issues at the Legislature when the session begins on Jan. 21, 2008.

The state representative will also be very busy. Not that he hasn't been already.

"I now have my own cell phone, a state cell phone and the phone in my office at the college to answer," said King. "For the first time since I had three phones, all three rang the other day at the same time. I am going to be busy."

King, who had served as



minority whip for a number of years, now takes on leading the Democratic party in the House. Assuming the position means assignments to more advanced and powerful committees, including the appropriations com-

Carbon County news briefs

MHSA's preliminary reports confirm fatality at Co-op mine near Huntington

Preliminary reports issued on Dec. 12 by Bill Knepp from the United States Mine Safety and Health Administration office in Denver, Colo., confirmed that a man had been killed in a fatal accident near the Co-op coal production operation in Huntington Canyon.

According to federal officials, the fatal accident reportedly occurred when loading machinery trapped the unidentified male victim between a truck and coal hauler near the mine entrance.

Representatives from MSHA are currently at the accident scene and will continue to investigate the cause of the Dec. 12 fatal incident, indicated Knepp.

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West Ridge resumes production, miners return to work at UtahAmerican facility

The West Ridge mine, which was idled during the first weekend in December, has resumed full production.

The employees affected by the idling of the mine returned to work on Dec. 5, according to Rob Murray, vice president for UtahAmerican Energy.

Murray reported that the West Ridge was idled due to geological conditions and the mining of high ash coal.

However, the Intermountain Power Agency was willing to purchase and accept deliveries of the high ash coal that is currently being produced at West Ridge.

IPA is half owner of the mining operation and West Ridge's largest customer.

Griswold competition con residents, businesses for

Residents and businesses within the eligible for judging in the fifth annual Lighting contest.

Areas within Price city will be split into the competition.

Individuals judging the contest will areas: uniform theme, originality, fest use of light.

Judging will take place during the 18.

Local winners of the 2008 holiday lit be announced on Dec. 20.

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